

Federal Housing Administration's Appraisals Of Old Homes May Go Up

Federal Housing Administration appraisal of the value of existing houses and cost of building new ones on which is based the amount of mortgage loans the F.H.A. will insure, may be raised in the next few weeks to conform more closely to building costs reported by the building industry. The industry's complaint is that the appraisals have been materially too low and thus a bar to building activity.

This increase was intimated Monday by Raymond M. Foley, recently appointed F.H.A. Commissioner, who has come from Washington to get firsthand information on the West Coast building situation in shaping future F.H.A. activities.

At a press conference in the office of John E. McGovern, Southland F.H.A. director, Foley, a former Michigan newspaper man, parried the question of what he thought of attempts to fix governmental price controls on real estate. Prevention of dangerous inflation, he said, should be by practical means whether by governmental or private action.

Regarding building activity, he pointed out that the War Production Board looks forward to full material production flow in 1949 to meet an estimated building program involving \$6,600,000,000 expenditure.

Program For 1946 Told
The appraisal question, bearing directly on F.H.A. insurance of refinancing and building loans in a time of considerably increased building costs, has been vigorously discussed in recent ready and builders' meetings here. On the basis of a building-cost index of 100 in 1941, the F.H.A. now uses an index of 127, as considered from a standpoint of long-term soundness, it was explained, though recognizing, in general, a current figure of 147. The building industry generally places the index at a materially higher point.

Possible Adjustment
The possibility of F.H.A. adjusting its appraisals to somewhere between 127 and 147 index figures was disclosed by Foley, though he couldn't tell when that change might occur. The West Coast, particularly Southern California, has been

Days Changed For Operator License Exams

Weekly visits of Motor Vehicle Department in drivers' license inspectors have been suspended, and Torrance and Lomita motorists desiring to get licenses in the City Hall at Torrance will have only two days in November open to them.

One visit will be Nov. 12, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. The other will be Nov. 26, with similar hours.

Both dates are on Monday, on the legal holiday for Armistice day which falls on Sunday.

It is said that the division inspectors will visit here on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, instead of on Saturday mornings as heretofore. The period of the visit is being extended to six hours, however, making it approximately the same as the previous three hour visits once a week.

Very active as regards the F.H.A. with prospect of much new such activity, Foley remarked.

Stanley Pierson Tells Of Alps In Letter Home

"Superb, simply superb," is the description given Switzerland and the Alps by Pfc Stanley Pierson.

To continue, he said in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Daniel Pierson: "Since the moment we crossed the border, I have been riding the clouds in the ecstasy of this enchanting wonderland. I hadn't dreamed that a nation could attain the degree of perfection that the Swiss have. Every road, bridge, track, building, farm and tree is laid out with a certain fastidiousness which denies the current conditions in France, England, Germany, Belgium and yes—even our own America. Virtually untouched by the war, structurally, that is, a visit to Switzerland to a G. I. is an excursion out of the world of destruction he has been living in for the past year.

"The rolling farm lands with their wide variety of productive crops are serene and beautiful, the nation is 70% industrial.

"The magnificence which is the Alps took our breath away with its snow capped shafts reaching high into the heavens. As we turned into a valley which to me was very reminiscent of Yosemite valley—we saw sheer precipices reaching 5,000 to 6,000 feet above the valley floor. A beautiful waterfall made the reminiscence still more accurate."

Small Cities Aided By L.A. Traffic Rules

Off-street parking regulations of Los Angeles and the crowded traffic conditions in other large cities of Los Angeles County are proving a boon to the stores of smaller outlying cities such as Torrance, according to reports of the retail merchants.

To park in the central business district of Los Angeles is practically an impossibility, for many hours of the day.

Parking on the street is forbidden by ordinance.

Automobile parking lots are filled to capacity most of the time.

The result is a motoring public unintentional "boycott" of downtown Los Angeles, much to the benefit of stores of outlying communities. In most cases, only the person who must go to Los Angeles on urgent business ventures into the central district, it was said.

Meanwhile, the merchants of the progressive cities surrounding Los Angeles are capitalizing on the situation much to their benefit, some even to the extent of providing public parking lots to attract business.

Beverly Hills has taken the lead in this, Blaine Walker, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, said. That city has provided paved, municipal parking lots in the center of town, and stores have cooperated in providing attractive rear entrances, direct from the parking areas.

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Water Meeting Scheduled For Tonight, 7:30

North Torrance Improvement Association will hold a water meeting Thursday (tonight), at 7:30 p. m. in the Perry school on Prairie ave., according to Mrs. Lola F. Gonner, secretary. The meeting will be to discuss forming of a water district to serve North Torrance.

The meeting originally was scheduled for last night, but it was delayed due to Halloween. A survey of the water problems of the area has been made and the City Council is preparing to call for circulation of petitions to form a water district to provide the needed supply for the area.

We cannot eat the fruit while the tree is in blossom.
—Benjamin Disraeli

L.A. Schools Ignore CIO Protest; Grant School Use To Gerald L. Smith

For the second time in the last two weeks the Los Angeles Board of Education Monday night refused to revoke a permit granting use of Polytechnic high school auditorium by sponsors of Gerald L. K. Smith.

The board's action was negative in that no vote was taken on the issue following a meeting at which Smith spoke in his own defense against accusations of union and citizens groups that his meetings are subversive.

Chief speakers opposing the meeting scheduled next Saturday night were John McTernan, president of the Lawyers Guild; Phillip M. Connelly, secretary of the Los Angeles C.I.O.; Isadore Rees, representing the American Jewish Congress; spokesmen for the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council, Rabbi Simon A. Dolgin of Beth Jacob

Temple, and others. Police forcibly ejected two enthusiastic dissenters to Smith's remarks. The anti-Smith factions protested to School Board President Lawrence Larrabee when he requested police to "throw out anyone who interrupts the speaker."

Dr. C. J. Taft, president of the American Civil Liberties Union, defended what he terms Smith's right of free speech in the use of the auditorium.

MEXICAN LABOR

Carl J. Williams, farm labor placement director for Los Angeles County, announced that employers of farm labor may file requests for Mexican National workers with their Agricultural Extension Service Farm Labor offices.

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New Choral Communion Service

The choir of St. Andrew's Church, under the direction of Charles Eade, will sing for the first time Sunday morning a full choral communion service. The setting is "The Communion Service in E Minor" by Vernon Hammond written for four part chorus of mixed voices.

The special music appropriate for the Octave of All Saints Day, will also include two anthems. The gradual anthem, "Lift Thine Eyes," from Elijah, will be sung by Laura, Kay and Nell Ainsworth. The offertory anthem, "What Are These That Are Arrayed in White Robes," by Stainer, will be sung by the chorus. Miss Amy Bourquin, organist, will render as the prelude, "Largo," by Dvorak, "The Agnus Dei," by Bizet and "Sinlandie," by Sibelius.

The recently augmented choir of St. Andrew's church consists of the following: Dave Jones and Harold Bickford, bass; Frank Church and Charles Eade, tenor; May Jones, Fan Wilkes, Anna Sandstrom, Pat Eade, Erna Carstens, Laura and Kay Ainsworth, alto; Nadine Nickol, Margaret Johnson, May Ripper, Nell Ainsworth, Phylis McVicar, Addie Parks and Grace Stewart, sopranos.

Local Youths Held At Redondo On Burglary

Torrance police report an attempt was made last week to burglarize the Kimmel Market, 2225 Torrance blvd. The rear door of the adjoining beauty shop was forced open and an entry was attempted from there into the market.

Police said that two Torrance juveniles were picked up in Redondo Beach on a filling station burglary and had admitted the burglar attempt at the local market. The youths, age 14 and 15, were said to be perhaps the victims of too many gangster pictures.

Redondo police stated that the two suspects were quite persistent with their "dillinger" attitude, threatening to put the finger on the police force if they were not "sprung." Names of the boys were withheld pending juvenile authority investigation.

DICK SHELTON HERE
The Torrance Army hospital has announced a musical concert to be held there today. The program is sponsored by the American Federation of Musicians and will feature Dick Shelton leading his eighteen piece orchestra through many classical and popular tunes of the day.

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South Bay Fuchsia Branch Forms

The Southern California Fuchsia Society, one of the largest in the state, will hold the initial meeting of the new South Bay branch at the Methodist Church, Torrance blvd. and Broadway, Redondo Beach, on Monday evening, Nov. 5 at 8:00 p.m. sharp.

Carl A. Mueller, president of the Southern California Fuchsia Society and members of the Grand Society board of directors will be present to explain the "Objectives of society and the workings of a branch."

Officers of the new South Bay branch will be nominated at this meeting and the election will be held in December. At the present time there are many members located in Torrance, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Palos Verdes and Lomita who are anxious to have a branch in the South Bay district.

There will be a large display of Fuchsias and other shade plants on exhibit. New members will receive a potted plant. A beautiful plant will be given away as a door prize.

Ralph L. A. Schmidt, of the Southern California and Hollywood Horticulture Society will be the speaker of the evening. All members are requested to bring their neighbors and friends as guests. The public is invited to attend the opening of the new South Bay branch.

C. S. RADIO PROGRAM
On Sunday morning (Nov. 11) the Columbia Church of the Air will be broadcast under the auspices of the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan. The subject of the address will be "Thanksgiving and True Security." The program will be released over Station KNX at 7 a.m., Pacific Standard Time.

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